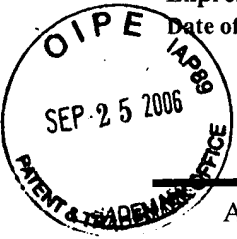


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TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Transmitted herewith for filing in the present application are the following:

1. Response to Restriction Requirement (3 pages);
2. Return Postcard.

If the enclosed papers are considered incomplete, the Mail Room and/or the Application Branch is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at (212) 935-3000.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees that may be due to the undersigned's account, Deposit Account No. **50-0311** Ref. No. **21465-508 UTIL**. Please address all correspondence to Customer No. **35437**. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is enclosed herewith.

Respectfully submitted,

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In reply to the Restriction Requirement in the Office Action mailed August 25, 2006, Applicants submit herewith this Response. This response is considered to be timely filed on September 25, 2006 without extension fees. Entry and consideration of this Response is respectfully requested. Applicants believe no additional fees are due with the filing of this Response. However, if any additional fees are required or if any funds are due, the USPTO is authorized to charge or credit Deposit Account Number: **50-0311**, Customer Number: **35437**, Reference Number: **21465-508 UTIL**.

Remarks begin on page 2 of this paper.